that they have destroyed several tonnes of medicines that had expiry-dates but instead these medicines were pushed in the market for its sale in an unauthorised way; and

(b) if so, what deterrent punishment/action Government have taken till date against such pharmaceutical companies who have not only cheated banks but held responsible for playing with lives of thousands of innocent persons by selling outdated medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such specific information has been received in this Ministr.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Betterment of medical education

1943. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Medical Council of India, responsible for betterment of medical education, has been challenged for malfunction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to protect the autonomy and effective discharge of its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

CGHS for EPFO retired employees

1944. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of EPF Organisation are getting facility of CGHS which are covered under CGHS areas and have been issued CGHS cards, whereas the retired employees of EPF residing in CGHS covered areas are denied benefits of CGHS facilities; and